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To date, the Safe Surrender program in Los Angeles County has saved the lives of 67 babies over the past 8 years. The message of “No Name, No Shame, No Blame” has been carried throughout the County due to the exhaustive efforts of the County’s Safe Haven Taskforce. It is my belief that the work of the multi-agency Taskforce, in combination with committed individuals in the community and in the private sector, is what has made Los Angeles County a national leader in saving the lives of infants who are at the highest risk of abandonment and death, simply because they are born in secret to a distraught parent too frightened to come forward and ask for help.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaims April 2008 as “Safe Surrender Month” throughout Los Angeles County, and that every County resident be encouraged to learn about the program and promote awareness of it.

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